

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-6 are rejected and Claims 7-12 are allowed.

Claim 1 is hereby canceled and Claims 2-6 are amended to depend from allowed independent Claim 7. Accordingly, Claims 2-6 are allowable by virtue of their dependence upon allowable independent Claim 7.

Thus, all the pending claims in this application are allowable and it is therefore requested that all the rejections be withdrawn and that this application be allowed in a timely manner.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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